

MINUTES AND REPORT

of

MEETING OF COUNCIL

COOPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

held at

Credit Union Centre, 69 Wellington St., Windsor, on 17th September, 1979

commencing 7.00 pm.

1. PRESENT

Mr. M. Rundle - Chairman  
Mr. J.N. Black  
Mr. A. Dash  
Mr. N. Harvey  
Mr. E.J. Long  
Mr. B.H. Macintosh  
Mr. O.J. Slattery

Mr. W.W. Rawlinson - Executive Officer

Apologies for non attendance received from

Messrs. Currey, Rigby and Wood.

2. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Harvey attending his first meeting representing the Cooperative Housing Industry.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held 20th August, 1979 having been circulated were adopted as a correct record of that meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.i Consumer Cooperatives Report - Minute 3.iii

Report from Mr. Macintosh received for onward transmission to Cooperative Federation of Australia.

4.ii Letter to ACMAL - Minute 13

Sum of the letter sent as directed was tabled



6. MEMBERSHIP

An application for membership from

Yinnar Community Hotel Cooperative Society Ltd.

was received supported by a copy of the Society's Rules and subscription fee of \$150. Council approved the application and admitted the Society into membership of the Federation.

7. FINANCIAL

A statement of Income of Expenditure for period 1.7.79 to 31.8.79 and estimated Balance Sheet as at 31.8.79 was presented, discussed and adopted.

Council directed that accounts for subscriptions due be issued with a copy of the printed report of the Federation for year ending 30.6.79.

8. LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

The Chairman reported that a submission for amendments to the Cooperation Act agreed by Council at the July 1979 meeting having been cleared by the Federations legal adviser were submitted to the Registrar and the Minister and the Chairman of the Victorian Cooperative Credit Association advised.

The Legislation Committee had considered a VCCA list of 44 proposed amendments, 5 relating to Part 1 Division 6 and Credit Societies, 6 relating to Cooperatives in general but affecting Credit Societies and a further 33 classified as desirable but less urgent.

Council agreed to support the VCCA proposal for the Cooperation Act Section 22 to be amended to allow a Cooperative Credit Association providing credit association services for credit societies in States where a Credit Association or League exists. The Council opposed the VCCA proposal to allow the Rules of an Association to admit any Society registered under the Act into membership. *Does Not*

Council accepted in principle the proposal of VCCA for the concept of proportional representation for voting purposes in the affairs of an Association but considered such proportion should be limited to a range of 1 to 10.

Mr. Dash refrained from voting on this issue. The terms of the detailed reply to VCCA on the proposals was agreed by Council.

The Legislation Committee also reported that the Small Business Development Corporation Act 1976 excludes Cooperatives from the definition of "small business" eligible to use the services of the Corporation or its Advisory Agency.

Council agreed a submission should be made to the Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism requesting corrective action to this situation.

9. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATORS

Mr. Slattery reported the August meeting had discussed Profit Statements and funding for Cooperatives.

The September meeting is scheduled to discuss Credit Control and Credit Legislation.

The October meeting is scheduled to discuss Trading Banks facilities, services criteria for funding of Cooperatives.

The November meeting is planned to discuss Government Agency sourced funds for Cooperatives and small businesses.

The first meeting in the New Year will be concerned with Merchant Banks sourced funds for use by Cooperatives.



10. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Copies of the notice were tabled. 120 notices have been issued. Council directed copies be sent to

The Cooperative Advisory Council  
100 Credit Societies  
20 to Federation of Cooperative Housing Societies.

Council agreed to undertake personal promotion to ensure a successful attendance. 50 persons present was agreed as the minimum acceptable numbers for the Conference to proceed.

11. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Council approved the draft Annual report of the Federation for year ending 30th June 1979 and directed that 200 copies be printed quarto size at a cost not to exceed \$150.00.

Council agreed the current list of "approved industries" should remain as is but the subject of amendment of the Constitution to enable more democratic election of the Council should be listed for discussion at the Annual General Meeting.

12. MEETING WITH MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE

Council considered a draft paper prepared as a basis for discussion with the Minister. It was agreed to refer the paper to Cooperative Phosphate Company's Agronomy officer, thereafter to Murray Goulburn and Victorian Producer Cooperatives management for further study.

13. RELOCATION OF SECRETARIAT

The Executive Officer reported that plans have been completed for the move from the present temporary facilities to take place in the week commencing 24th September, 1979.

The new address will be: 369 Lonsdale Street,  
Melbourne. 3000.

Postal address is unchanged: G.P.O. Box 5211 AA  
Melbourne. 3001.

Telephone Numbers: Security Permanent Building 60 1405  
Society Exchange  
Direct 602 3326

Council authorised expenditure of up to \$1,000 for furniture for the new office.

14. REPORTS14.i Advisory Council

Mr. Long reported that as the new Cooperative Advisory Council had not yet been promulgated no meeting has been held in the current financial year.

14.ii Executive Officer

Mr. Rawlinson reported that he had addressed a seminar at the Prahran College of Advanced Education. A copy of his paper was circulated to Council members.

He had attended a meeting of the Small Business and Cooperatives sub-committee of the Victorian Employment Committee when some of the problems associated with developing Cooperatives as unemployment relief projects had been discussed. Progress on preparation and publication of the Cooperative booklet for which Government funds had been made available has been halted.



## 14.ii Executive Officer (cont.)

Council was informed he had prepared a budgetary control system for the Broadford Cooperative Hotel to commence from November 1st, 1979.

He reported on advisory consultations held with member Cooperatives relating to Member Relations Programmes, Publicity, Import Quotas, Worker Cooperatives.

Mr. Rawlinson drew the attention of Council to the Interim Directory of Victorian Government Departments and Authorities which contains no reference to the Registrar of Cooperative Societies or the Department.

Council directed the attention of the Department of the Premier, publishers of the Directory, should be drawn to this omission.

Mr. Rawlinson requested authority to take Annual leave with some accruals outside the State from 28th November 1979 to 18th January, 1980. Council approved the request.

## 14.iii Cooperative Federation of Australia

Mr. Macintosh reported that in view of the response to requests from member Federations on proposals for the future of the CFA it is now proposed to extend the time of the November Council meeting to allow for detailed discussion to develop plans and future programmes.

Council considered such planning would be more effectively undertaken in a formal workshop atmosphere led by an experienced facilitator and recommend CFA Council organise such a workshop.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

## 15.i Social Function

Council agreed to hold a dinner for Councillors, including Councillors who have retired during the year, and wives at

Nat's Place  
124 Burwood Rd., Hawthorn

on Friday, November 23rd 1979.


15.ii Mr. Dash tabled a VCCA Circular relating to a superannuation scheme introduced to which subscribers from other Cooperatives would be welcomed with contributory commissions therefrom being earned by the Cooperative Federation of Victoria.

16. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed the next meeting would be held in the new office at 369 Lonsdale St., Melbourne on Tuesday 23rd October, 1979 following the Annual Conference. Arrangements for a snack meal to be available from 5.30 pm. will be made.

17. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.45 pm.

  
23/10/79.